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SUBJECT: MEDIA INTEREST IN PAUL HOFMANN ARTICLES ON ITALIAN  
COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI)

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1. AMERICAN MEDIA INTEREST IN RECENT PAUL HOFMANN (NYT) ARTICLES ON PCI EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A PRESENCE IN THE BROAD AREA OF GOVERNMENT IN ITALY WAS UNDERLINED BY VISITS TO EMBASSY ON SEPTEMBER 5 BY CORRESPONDENTS FOR BOTH TIME (ERIK AMFITHEATROF) AND NEWSWEEK (SCOTT SULLIVAN). IN EACH CASE CORRESPONDENTS INDICATED THAT THEY HAD NOT ACTUALLY PLANNED TO DO STORIES BUT THAT PAUL HOFMANN ARTICLES HAD STIMULATED INTEREST OF EDITORS IN THE UNITED STATES WHO HAD CALLED FOR CONTRIBUTION FROM ROME.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES REFTEL REFLECTS STIUATION AS IT EXISTS, AND WITH REGARD TO HOFMANN ARTICLES WOULD ONLY NOTE THAT HOFMANN PIECES EXAGGERATE IMMEDIACY OF PROBLEM AND PERHAPS UNDERPLAY THE LONG TERM CONTINUITY OF PCI POLICY.

3. EMBASSY OFFICERS PROVIDED FULL BACKGROUND BRIEFINGS CONSISTENT WITH REFTEL. VOLPE

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